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FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY VAKY

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, EC
SUBJ: FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ
RE ECUADOR

REF: BOGOTA 7383

1. IN PRE-BREAKFAST CONVERSATION THIS MORNING (AUGUST 8)
PRESIDENT PEREZ DESCRIBED TO ME A LONG CONVERSATION HE HAD LAST
NIGHT WITH ADMIRAL POVEDA. PEREZ SAID IT WAS A VERY ENCOURAGING
CONVERSATION.
 2. IN BRIEF POVEDA SAID THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT ROLDOS WON
THE FIRST ROUND ELECTIONS. MOREOVER POVEDA SAID HE IS MORE
POPULAR NOW THAN EVER. ROLDAS WILL SURELY WIN THE SECOND ROUND
ELECTION. POVEDA WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE SITUATION HAD CHANGED
IN THE LAST FEW DAYS IN THAT ROLDOS HAS GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT HE
WILL CURB BUCARAM. ROLDOS INDICATED THAT HE COULD NOT SAY ANYTHING
NOW BUT WOULD "TAKE CARE" OF THINGS AFTER HE TOOK POWER.
 3. POVEDA TOLD PEREZ THAT POWER WOULD BE DELIVERED TO ROLDOS
EVEN THOUGH SOME OF THE MILITARY COMMANDERS WERE APPREHENSIVE
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- ("A LA ESPECTIVA"). THE MILITARY POVEDA SAID WOULD CLOSELY
WATCH ROLDAS AND IF HE DID NOT LIVE UP TO HIS ASSURANCES RE
BUCARAM AND ECONOMIC POLICIES HE WOULD NOT LAST.
4. PRESIDENT PEREZ SAID THAT HE THOUGHT POVEDA WAS SINCERE AND
HE FELT GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY HIS CONVERSATION. HE (PEREZ)
WOULD ALSO TRY TO GET ADVISE TO ROLDAS TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE

TO REASSURE THE MILITARY LEADERS AND PRIVATE BUSINESSES
REGARDING HIS FUTURE INTENTIONS.
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